

"THE 7 PILLARS OF OUR CHURCH"

Pillars Part 6: The Discipline of Giving

How will I know if I am a bad financial steward?

- 1. If I must pawn something in order to get daily resources.
- 2. If I put off this bill to pay next month.
- 3. If I am borrowing money to pay bills.
- 4. If I am making loans to pay off debts.
- 5. If I am having <u>nightmares</u> about <u>money</u>.
- 6. If I am constantly stressed about finances.
- 7. If <u>debt</u> <u>collectors</u> are calling me.
- 8. If I am receiving disconnect notifications.
- 9. If I have something pending with a collection agency.
- 10. If I don't know my credit score.
- 11. If I am not paying bills on time.
- 12. If I am not <u>fiscally responsible</u>.

The Discipline of Giving

- The Nation of Israel had left God. God was extremely angry with the Nation.
- The anger of God has consequences.
- There must be recognition of sin and restitution made to the Savior.
- God also can withhold blessings from His Creatures.
- I. The Return Of The Saints

Mal. 3:6-8

A. The tithe is <u>100%</u> of your <u>gross</u> earnings.

Gen. 14:20; Lev. 27:30

B. There is a <u>curse</u> because of disobedience.

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C. God is a God of wrath.

II. The Reason For God's Statement.

Mal. 3:10

- A. There were 3 types of tithes in the Old Testament.
- B. The tithes were for the food festivals, charity, and the Levites.
- C. The <u>storehouse</u> is the room in the temple where grain was kept.
- D. Meat represents ministries, missions, and ministers.

Jesus mentioned tithes in Matthew 23:23 and Luke 11:42. He mentioned being born again in John 3.

III. The Resources That Heaven Showers

Mal. 3:10-12

- A. God will provide for you bountifully.
 - 1. He will water what you plant.

Proverbs 3:9-10; Proverbs 11:24-25; Luke 6:38; II Cor. 9:6

B. God will protect your blessing.

Mal. 3:11

- 1. He will handle the pests.
- 2. He will ensure you from delivering prematurely.
- C. God will cause others to perceive that you are blessed.

Mal. 3:12